

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of

Shinji MAEKAWA, et al.) Confirmation No. 6581
Application No. 10/573,155) Group Art Unit: 2895
Filed: March 23, 2006) Examiner: Thien F. Tran

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Applicant wishes to note that JP 2001-092934; U.S. Patent No. 6,407,669 and CN 1430192 were cited by the Chinese Patent Office in an Office Action of a counterpart Chinese patent application, No. 200480037686.6; PCTCN7594, on June 20, 2008.

Further, U.S. Patent No. 7,335,573 and U.S. Patent Application No. 2008/0049437 are in the same family as CN-1430192, but these family documents were cited in the foreign communication.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

Respectfully submitted,

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